

Remarks / Arguments

Claims 1- 7 are pending. Claims 3, 5 and 6 have been amended to return these claims into their original, as-granted form. As a result, claims 2 – 7 remain unchanged relative to claims 2 – 7 of the reissue patent. Claims 8 – 24 are to be cancelled.

1. Reissue Declaration

Patentee submits a Reissue Application Declaration to address possible defects in the previously submitted declarations.

2. Rejection under 35 USC 251

Claims 8-21 were rejected under 35 USC 251 as being broadened in a reissue application filed outside the two year statutory period. Applicant has canceled claims 8 – 21 in order to expedite issuance of the reissue grant. It is submitted that one or more of claims 8 – 21 may not be broader than claims 1 – 7 of the patent. Rather than respond in detail to this rejection, applicant seeks to expedite issuance by cancelling these claims in view of possible infringers of claims 1 – 7.

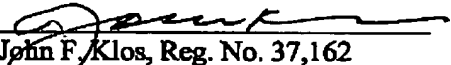
3. Request for Reconsideration and Allowance

Based upon the above Amendments and Remarks, claims 1-7 are believed to be in proper form for allowance, and patentable over the prior art made of record. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of those claims and a prompt Notice of Allowance thereon.

Please direct any questions or comments regarding this application to John F. Klos at (612) 321-2806.

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